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11. On February 8, Econoff delivered reftel points on the status of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) draft policy exception for the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Cooperation Initiative to Roberto Liotto, the Italian MFA official responsible for GOI participation in the NSG. Although Liotto agreed it is not feasible to complete the draft policy exemption until after the IAEA Board of Governor's March 2-7 meeting, he expressed concern that NSG participating governments may not have enough time to review the draft prior to the NSG,s May Plenary in Berlin. Liotto urged that the draft policy exception be released to NSG participating governments as soon as possible after the conclusion of the IAEA,s March meeting. SPOGLI